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I. JURISDICTION / VENUE

- 1. This Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1334.
- 2. Venue in this Court is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(1) and 28 U.S.C. § 1408-09 in that this matter arises under and in connection with a case under Title 11 pending in this District, and one of the defendants resides in this district.
- 3. This is not a 'core proceeding' as defined by 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2)(A), or (G), in that the Chapter 7 Trustee has assigned all the estate's right, title, and interest in the claims alleged herein to Plaintiff, A.E. Motorcycle Tech, Inc., a private creditor. A.E. Motorcycle Tech, Inc., has, in turn, executed a partial assignment of said claims to Plaintiff, Greg Spak, Trustee of the Cherry Blossom Revocable Inter Vivos Trust, herein. Therefore, any recovery sought or obtained herein will not affect the administration the bankruptcy case and the dispute exits between private parties concerning an asset and claims which is no longer property of the bankruptcy estate by virtue of the assignment.

II. PARTIES

- 4. Plaintiff, Greg Spak, Trustee of the Cherry Blossom Revocable Inter Vivos Trust ("Trust") is a citizen of the United States of America and resides within Northern District of California.
- 5. Plaintiff, A.E. Motorcycle Tech, Inc. is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of California with its principal place of business within the Northern District of California.
- 6. Defendant, Comerica, Inc., is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware with its principal place of business located in Dallas, Texas. Comerica conducts banking in various states of the United States of America, including the State of California. At the time of the events alleged herein, Comerica, Inc. conducted

 business through its wholly owned subsidiary, Comerica Bank - California. Comerica, Inc. is the successor in interest to Comerica Bank - California.

7. Defendant, Miller, Monson, Peshel, Polacek & Hoshaw is a partnership organized and existing under the laws of the State of California of professional law corporations organized and existing under the laws of the State of California with its principal place of business within this judicial district. Miller, Monson, Peshel, Polacek & Hoshaw is engaged in the practice of law in the State of California.

III. PRIOR RELATED PROCEEDINGS

- 8. On June 20, 2003, Comerica Bank California ("Bank") filed a complaint against Don Logan, Barrie Logan, American Eagle Corporation, a Nevada corporation, and others alleging, inter alia, claims seeking approximately \$700,000 in money damages base on conversion of asset subject to a the Bank's blanket security interest, in *Comerica Bank California v. American Eagle Corporation, etc., et al.*, California Superior Court, County of Santa Clara, Case No. 1:-03-CV818041. ("Santa Clara litigation")
- 9. Plaintiffs, AEMT and Spak filed a cross-complaint in the Santa Clara Litigation against Don Logan, Barrie Logan, American Eagle Corporation, and others, seeking interalia \$2,500,000 in damages for breach of a 'purchase money' promissory note.
- 10. Don Logan died in January, 2006 while the Santa Clara litigation was pending. Barrie Logan, his surviving spouse, entered into an agreement to sell their real property located at 7223 El Fuerte Street, Carlsbad, California ("El Fuerte Property") for \$2,400,000 in or about April, 2006. In April, 2006, the Bank obtained a Right to Attach Order against Barrie Logan in the amount of \$677,266.73, and a Writ of Attachment against the El Fuerte Property, which was recorded in the Official Records of San Diego County on May 1, 2006.
- 11. On May 15, 2006, the Bank and Barrie Logan entered into a stipulation to release the Bank's attachment lien on the El Fuerte Property, to allow the escrow opened by Barrie Logan for sale of the property to close. The stipulation provided for the surplus cash

proceeds of \$677,266.73 to be deposited in a blocked account at Comerica Bank, No. 8000829518. The stipulation further provided that no funds shall be released from said account without either (1) joint instructions signed by counsel for Barrie M. Logan and for Comerica Bank, or (2) and Order of the Santa Clara Superior Court.

- 12. On July 3, 2006, the Santa Clara Superior Court granted AEMT's Application for a Right to Attach Order against Barrie Logan in the amount of \$2,500,000 and issued a Writ of Attachment for Barrie Logan's funds in deposited in Comerica Bank Account #8000829518, the amount of \$677,238.73
- 13. On July 12, 2006, at 3:00 p.m., AEMT levied its Writ of Attachment on the Bank, at its main branch in the City of San Jose, California. On July 17, 2007, Comerica Bank served a 'Memorandum of Garnishee' on the Santa Clara Sheriff reporting the following: "Comerica Bank Account - There are no funds available in the account."
- 14. The funds were 'not in the account' because on July 12, 2006, at 3:06 p.m., the Bank and Barrie Logan entered into a settlement agreement in full resolution of the claims of the Bank against Barrie Logan, and the Estate of Don Logan, in the Santa Clara Litigation. The settlement agreement provided that Comerica would receive \$640,000 of Barrie Logan's funds in Comerica Account #8000829518, and that the remaining funds, with interest, approximately \$40,000 would be sent via wire transfer to Miller, Monson, Peshel, Polacek & Hoshaw, the attorneys then representing Barrie Logan in the Santa Clara Litigation, in payment of Barrie Logan's indebtedness for attorneys fees. The settlement agreement provided that after the passage of 90 days, the Bank would dismiss Barrie Logan and the Estate of Don Logan from the Santa Clara Litigation
- 14. On October 4, 2006, (hereinafter the "Petition Date"), within 90 days of the 'settlement agreement' between Comerica Bank and Barrie Logan, Barrie Logan filed a voluntary petition for bankruptcy, under Chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code in the United States Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of California, commencing the case entitled, *In re Barrie Morine Logan*, USBC, So. Dist. of Cal., Case No. 06-02980-PB7. Leslie Gladstone was appointed Chapter 7 Trustee.

15. On May 22, 2007, Barrie Logan received a full discharge of all claims against her in the bankruptcy case.

- 16. On May 28, 2008, the Bankruptcy Court approved an assignment of all of the estate's rights and claims against the Bank, and other parties to the Santa Clara Litigation, including any claims arising from violations of the Bankruptcy Code to AEMT. Leslie Gladstone thereafter executed an Assignment of Claims
- 17. On August 11, 2008, AEMT made a partial assignment of the rights, recoveries, claims, and interests which it acquired by an Assignment made by Leslie Gladstone, Chapter 7 Trustee of the bankruptcy estate of Barrie Morine Logan to Greg Spak, Trustee of the Cherry Blossom Revocable Inter Vivos Trust.

IV. CLAIMS FOR RELIEF

First Claim for Relief - AEMT / Trust, Assignees of the Bankruptcy Estate of Barrie Morine Logan, for Avoidance and Recovery of Preferential Transfer Against Comerica, Inc.

- 18. Plaintiffs hereby repeat and reallege paragraphs 1-17 of the Complaint as if set forth in full herein.
- 19. On or within 90 days prior to the Petition Date, funds in the amount of \$640,000, held in Barrie Logan's Account #8000829518 at Comerica were debited and transferred to Comerica Bank (the "Comerica Transfer").
- 20. The Comerica Transfer was for or on account of an antecedent debt owed by Barrie Logan to the Bank before the Comerica Transfer was made, to wit to resolve claims alleged for conversion by the Bank against Barrie Logan in its complaint filed on June 20, 2003 in the Santa Clara Litigation.
 - 21. The Comerica Transfer was made while Barrie Logan was insolvent.

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- 22. The Comerica Transfer enabled Comerica to receive more than Comerica would receive if: (i) this were a case under Chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code, (ii) the Comerica Transfer had not been made, and (iii) Comerica were to receive payment of its claims against Barrie Logan in the Santa Clara litigation to the extent provided by the provisions of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 23. The Comerica Transfer is a voidable preference pursuant to Section 547(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, and is recoverable from Comerica pursuant to Section 550 of the Bankruptcy Code.

Second Claim for Relief - AEMT / Trust, Assignees of the Bankruptcy Estate of Barrie Morine Logan for Avoidance and Recovery of Preferential Transfer Against Monson, Peshel, Polacek & Hoshaw

- 24. Plaintiffs hereby repeat and reallege paragraphs 1-17 of the Complaint as if set forth in full herein.
- 25. On or within 90 days prior to the Petition Date, funds of Barrie Logan in the amount of \$40,000, held in Account #8000829518 at the Bank were sent via wire transfer to the bank account of Miller, Monson, Peshel, Polacek & Hoshaw in San Diego, California. (the Miller, Monson Transfer").
- The Miller, Monson Transfer was for or on account of an antecedent debt owed 26. by Barrie Logan to the Miller, Monson, Peshel, Polacek & Hoshaw before the Miller, Monson Transfer was made, to wit for attorney fees incurred in representing the widow Barrie Logan in a variety of lawsuits and legal proceedings, all prior to 90 before the Petition Date.
 - 27. The Miller Monson Transfer was made while Barrie Logan was insolvent.
- 28. The Miller Monson Transfer enabled Miller, Monson, Peshel, Polacek & Hoshaw to receive more than Miller, Monson, Peshel, Polacek & Hoshaw would receive if:

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(i) this were a case under Chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code, (ii) the Miller, Monson Transfer had not been made, and (iii) Miller, Monson, Peshel, Polacek & Hoshaw were to receive payment of its claims against Barrie Logan in the Santa Clara litigation to the extent provided by the provisions of the Bankruptcy Code.

29. The Miller, Monson Transfer is a voidable preference pursuant to Section 547(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, and is recoverable from Comerica pursuant to Section 550 of the Bankruptcy Code.

> Third Claim for Relief - AEMT / Trust, Assignees of the Bankruptcy Estate of Barrie Morine Logan, for Avoidance of Unperfected Security Interest in Transferred Funds Against Comerica, Inc. and Miller, Monson, Peshel, Polacek & Hoshaw

- 30. Plaintiffs hereby repeat and reallege paragraphs 1-17, inclusive, paragraphs 19 - 23, inclusive, and 25 - 29, inclusive.
- 31. Defendants, Comerica, Inc. and Miller, Monson, Peshel, Polacek & Hoshaw failed to perfect their interests in the Transferred Assets, and the funds in Comerica Account. No. 8000829518, as required under applicable law.
- 32. Pursuant to § 544(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Plaintiffs, as assignees of the Trustee of the Bankruptcy Estate of Barrie Morine, are afforded the status of a hypothetical judicial lien creditor of the Debtor, Barrie Morine Logan, as of the Petition Dates.
- 33. By reason of the foregoing, and in accordance with the Trustee's powers under section 544 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Plaintiffs are entitled to a judgment avoiding any interests of Defendants, Comerica, Inc. and Miller, Monson, Peshel, Polacek & Hoshaw in the Transferred Assets under §§ 544 and 550 of the Bankruptcy Code

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs hereby respectfully requests that this Court enter a

On the First Claim for Relief:

- 1. Avoiding the Comerica Transfer pursuant to §547(b) of the Bankruptcy Code;
- 2. Directing Comerica to immediately turnover to Plaintiffs the amount of \$640,000.00, plus interest from the date of the filing of this Complaint, pursuant to § 550 of the Bankruptcy Code;
- 3. Entering a money judgment in favor of Plaintiffs against Comerica in the amount of \$640,000.00, plus interest from the date of the filing of this Complaint, pursuant to § 550 of the Bankruptcy Code;

On the Second Claim for Relief:

- 1. Avoiding the Miller, Monson Transfer pursuant to §547(b) of the Bankruptcy Code;
- 2. Directing Miller, Monson to immediately turnover to Plaintiffs the amount of \$40,000.00, plus interest from the date of the filing of this Complaint, pursuant to § 550 of the Bankruptcy Code;
- 3. Entering a money judgment in favor of Plaintiffs against Miller, Monson in the amount of \$40,000.00, plus interest from the date of the filing of this Complaint, pursuant to § 550 of the Bankruptcy Code;

On the Third Claim for Relief:

- 1. Avoiding any unperfected interests of Comerica, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and Miller, Monson, Peshel, Polacek & Hoshaw in the Transferred Assets and or the Funds in Comerica Account No. 8000829518 under §§ 544 and 550 of the Bankruptcy Code;
- 2. Directing Comerica to immediately turnover to Plaintiffs the amount of \$640,000.00, plus interest from the date of the filing of this Complaint,

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